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SB 1572 SD 2 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Statement for
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Planning, Energy and Environmental Protection
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SB 1572 SD 2 would permit the Department of Health (DOH) to establish a recycling and solid waste management program to encourage waste reduction and recycling. Our comments on this bill do not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We strongly support the intent of SB 1572 SD 2 as it would provide a single coordinating agency for managing waste reduction and recycling programs and will facilitate timeliness and efficiency in developing solid waste management programs for the state. We suggest that if a Department of Environmental Protection is developed, it would be appropriate for these functions to be housed under that department and not DOH, given the existing massive scope of responsibilities of DOH and the magnitude of this program.

We suggest that Chapter 340A-26 be amended to include provision for a public hearing regardless of whether the director approves or disapproves of the recycling plan. The present language mandates a public hearing only after the director disapproves a recycling plan. It is important that the general public be involved in management plans for waste reduction. They are likely to be directly affected by any management program and the ultimate success will be greatly improved by wide-scale public involvement and cooperation.